

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:) Conf. No.: 9998
Edward L. Carver) Group Art Unit: 1743
Serial No.: 09/039,789) Examiner: A. Soderquist
Filed: March 16, 1998) Docket No. 116310.0030

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**PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(4)**

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a four-month extension of time in which to file an Appeal Brief with respect to the Notice of Appeal filed on September 24, 2003, to thereby extend the period for response from November 24, 2003 to March 24, 2004.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the \$740.00 extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(4), as well as the \$330.00 Appeal Brief fee due under 37 CFR 1.17(c) to deposit account no. 50-1402.

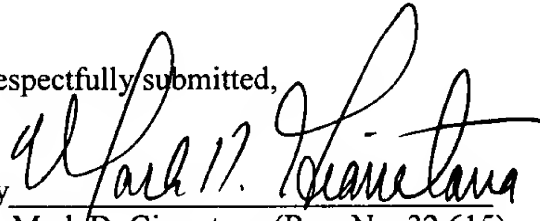
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No additional fee is believed to be required; however, if an additional fee is required, or otherwise if necessary to cover any deficiency in fees already paid, authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-1402.

Respectfully submitted,

By

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